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Libby,

I'm a reporter with the Durango Telegraph, and working on a story about the contamination of the Animas River and what a Superfund designation would mean for the Silverton community.

As the EPA's public information officer, I'd like to speak with you on the issue.

Here's a few questions for your consideration:

1. I understand the EPA is scheduled to meet with San Juan County officials on Wednesday. Will the possibility of declaring the Gold King Mine area a Superfund site be a part of those discussions?
2. Is it possible a decision could be made at that meeting?
3. If not, when could a decision be made?
4. The possibility of Superfund designation has been an ongoing issue for the community with some residents resistant. Do you think the community would now support that decision?
5. What kind of feedback, if any, have you received from Silverton representatives on the issue?

Here are some additional questions on other issues related to the contamination:

6. When do you expect more results on testing for heavy metals and other contamination in the Animas?
7. Did initial testing results reveal some levels of arsenic in the river?
8. What does the EPA consider the most concerning result from initial testing?
9. What is the progress with addressing possible groundwater contamination?
10. When is the EPA planning to host another community meeting?

Feel to respond via email or call me on my cell phone any time (910-508-0489).

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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